**ERNA BOARD Meeting**

**28-29 January 2019, Budapest**

**Participants**

* Massimo Barra, ERNA President
* Uldis Likops, ERNA Vice President
* Azamat Baialinov, ERNA Vice President
* Begimai Asanova, ERNA Secretariat
* Mauro Patti, Steering Committee Member RC/RC Partnership on Substance Abuse
* Davron Mukhamadiev, IFRC Regional Office for Europe
* Elkhan Rahimov, IFRC Budapest
* Sandy Kubaj, Luxembourg RC

| **Agenda item** | **Decisions taken** | **Comments** |
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| **January 28** |  |  |
| **1. Opening at the Regional IFRC Office** | * General welcome speech from Mr Simon Missiri, Regional Director of IFRC Europe Region * Introduction of the meeting and welcoming of the new-joint participants of the Board Meeting- Dr Massimo Barra * Welcome speech by the Hungarian RC President  1. Regional updates on HIV/TB/HepC and observation EECA Health Managers Meeting 2. Discussions on NSs activities on HIV/TB/HepC 3. Discussions on social issues related to HIV, TB and Hep C 4. Activity, motivation and capacity of NSs | - Mr Missiri opened meeting at Regional IFRC Office and welcomed participants of the ERNA Board Meeting  - Ms Alice Czel, Head of OD of the Hungarian RC welcomed the participants on behalf of the Hungarian RC President, thanked Massimo Barra for the invitation and invited to the Hungarian RC HQ office in Budapest to meet with staff and volunteers.  - Mr Davron Mukhamadiev made the overall update presentation on Health in the region. Noted that large of the population of the region still do not have access to basic health care and observed Statistics on HIV,AIDS,TB in region. According to it every year 150 000 new cases of HIV identify in the region. 4 thousand people every day die from AIDS and only 30% of people have access to treatment. Mr Mukhamadiev also informed that on September 2018 IFRC started mapping on health activities and presented this fresh data that includes 21 countries of EECA and Balcans. Among them 11 NSs implemented HIV programs, only TB programs implement 14 NSs and 5 NSs implement harm reduction activities for the vulnerable groups. In Central Asia – TB programme run by Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan, and Kyrgyzstan Kazakhstan and Tajikistan run together TB and HIV programmes, including harm reduction in Tajikistan.  **Luxembourg RC-Sandy Kubaj** – very important actor in the field of HIV, drug abuse and Hepatitis C. 30 years ago the RC was the only organization to create a service for HIV in that area ot was to support people dying from AIDS now we developed to the National Actor we are a member of the National AIDS Committee, we are in the board of Association of the organizations working in the area of addiction and drugs, and also we are coordinating National HIV plans. There is a lot of experience as a partner of the Ministry of Health in that area. We are the only actor in that area  **Azamat Baialinov** emphasized that 21 NSs really want to participate in the Annual Meetings, they are active and do small campaigns in schools etc but ERNA cannot manage them to do more. Some of the NSs work with the key population some not because they have NGOs for that.  Representative from the Luxembourg RC – **Ms Sandy Kubaj** told about NS’s activities in the field of HIV and shared experience of working with youth.  **Mr Uldis Likops** – mentioned that ERNA Secretraiat should share the information to NSs very actively and noted that the main objective of the Network is strengthening the NSs and share the information. |
| **2. ERNA Strategy 2019-2020** | **Observation on the Strategy 2017-2018 and develop new 2019-2020 Strategy**   * In order to promote ERNA Network and its activities it was offered to make press releases and reports every 3 month. * Reconstruction of the official website in order to make it interesting and informative * Put bulletins, booklets and other informational leaflets on website * ERNA Secretariat should send the official letter to NSs asking about support on funding of the Network * ERNA Secretariat should improve the communication and exchange information at least 4-5 times in a year * Put successful stories on IFRC and ERNA website * Create non-ERNA members database to provide the ERNA news and involve members to the Network * Revitalization of the Rome consensus through ERNA Network | **Mr Mauro Patti** offered to add some press releases for the promotion of ERNA with IFRC support in order to publish it in some European newspapers.  **Mr** **Davron M** commented that IFRC can do press releases on the big events, not separately, this is ERNA, and this is IFRC. And ERNA can do publications through IFRC communications.  Ms Sandy Kubaj recommended to exchange information thematically and put some bulletins booklets leaflets on the website.  **Mr Mauro Patti** discussed if it is possible to give some activities and advices to stronger NSs in order to ask for support on funding of the ERNA Network.  Mr **Uldis Likops** offered to start with exchange information at least monthly and 4-5 times in a year press releases on HIV and then the Secretariat can ask for some NSs to make contribution on some activities.  **Ms Sandy Kubaj** suggested to put interesting things on the website because it is important for ERNA to have a position on different topics and provide with the necessary information, exchange info thematically on different topics, have guidelines, opinions and positions on different topics.  By all the Board members it was decided to reconstruct the ERNA website to make it more informative and attractive.  **Mr Davron Mukhamadiev** suggested on press releases and related topics that people interested on personal stories – where people talk about the ERNA activities then IFRC can put this stories on the website. Also he recommended to approach other NSs possibilities for example Finnish RC has professional TV crew and we can approach them in order to do the video report, product. Videoreleases can be used for global social media like BBC.  **Mr Uldis Likops** offered to recheck the list of emails again and call for the FPs of ERNA in order to know exactly the information about focal points and NS activities.  **Mr Mauro Patti** suggestedhaving not only focal point database but also other non-ERNA members database in order to send information about the activities and involve more members.  **Mr Mauro Patti also** proposed to rename the ERNA Strategic Plan for 2019-2020 toPlan of Action because ERNA has the complete Strategy for 2016-2015.  **Dr Barra offered to revitalize the** Rome consensus for humanitarian drug policy that have been signed by more than 100 NSs. Moreover, ERNA could be the organization who will revitalize this consensus. In addition, we put it to the Plan of Action Document of ERNA. |
| **3. ERNA Annual Meeting in 2019** | **Discussions on Annual Meeting:**  Below the main items:  -When: beginning of October  -Where: Luxemburg. Luxembourg RC will cover transfer from airport to the hotel, location of the meeting including coffee breaks and 1 dinner and translation service. - Format:   - capacity building training. ERNA should ask the NSs what they can offer: specialists, experts, type of training  - ERNA Secretariat should make 4 year achievements report during the Annual Meeting  - Hold together with the Elections of the Board members also the elections of the Secretariat on the Annual Meeting. | **Ms Sandy Kubaj** confirmed that Luxembourg RC will host the next ERNA Annual Meeting in the beginning of October and also stated that the NS will cover transfer, location of the meeting including coffee breaks and 1 dinner and translation service.  Mr **Azamat Baialinov** underlined that for the Annual Meeting we should specify the capacity building trainings and ask NSs what they can offer. Last AM included capacity building on project planning and management so we invited experts from Uzbekistan and Russia.  Also the members offered to ERNA Secretariat to make 4 year achievements report during the Annual Meeting  **Mr Azamat Baialinov emphasized that** ERNA can include something using the RO resources to help in harm reduction by training volunteers of the Russian RC and Ukrainian RC in order to support them.  The Board Members offered to hold together with the Elections of the Board members also the elections of the Secretariat. |
| **4. ERNA Terms of Reference** | **Observation and modification of the Terms of Reference**  **Main changes in ToR:**   * Delete from the document the paragraph about the mandatory participation of the representative of the Youth Committee at the Annual Meetings, since the priority of the Youth Committee is mental health and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. * Also, Board members made some adjustments to the “Elections” section. Thus, it was decided to add the following to the section on the election of Board Members: “In the case of upcoming elections, NSs are invited to present their candidates to the Board and send CVs 1 month before the General Meeting”. * An addition it was added to the section on the key tasks of the ERNA Secretariat that the Secretariat also promotes the visibility of the ERNA activities. * Also in order to maintain the ERNA documentation, it was added to the section on the “Member national societies: key tasks and responsibilities” the following sentence: “New members nominated by their National Society need to send the official letter to ERNA Secretariat”. | **Mr Uldis Likops** noted that ERNA had missed the election of the Board, which should have been coordinated in 2018. And he advised the Secretariat to keep track of the deadlines and notify Board of the need for elections.  The members of the Board decided to remove from the document the paragraph about the mandatory participation of the representative of the Youth Committee at the Annual Meetings, since the priority of the Youth Committee is mental health and maintaining a healthy lifestyle. |
| **5. Info on NSs activities on ERNA topics**  **and**  **Database presentation** | -ERNA Secretariat presented Report for 2017 – 2018  -Dr Davron Mukhamadiev commented on joint project proposals of ERNA Italian Red Cross and IFRC  -Dr Massimo Barra stated that ERNA Secretariat should improve communication and share more information  - Erna website need to be reconstructed  -put on ERNA website and Facebook page more personal stories in order to attract more people  -- Newsletter 2018: finalization of the Newsletter adding some infographics on HIV, TB, HepC current and sent by email to all the Network contact list to show our results. | **ERNA Secretariat** presented the report for 2017-2018. This report included such aspects as: the actions performed on the ERNA Strategy for 2017-2018, the number of active members of ERNA and their activities on HIV, AIDS, hepatitis C and drug abuse.  **Davron Mukhamadiev** commented on project proposals that ERNA together with IFRC and Italian Red Cross had applied – Robert Carr Foundation it was negative result. HIV NGOs and activists were aggressively active on the Amsterdam AIDS Conference and it was bad that in such a global Conference only 5 RCRC members participated. In past most of the exhibition was RCRC exhibition. Dr Mukhamadiev also stated that ERNA and the Movement ingeneral should selectively say where we are strong and have good chances in order not to contribute resources, time when writing the project proposals. WHO has funds for TB for 2019 and IFRC recommended CA region.  **Dr Massimo Barra** – ERNA should actively share information and promote the role of the Movement ingeneral in order to have have access to big grants.  **Ms Sandy Kubaj** recommended to publishinteresting things to the website in order to involve new members.She stated that it is important to have a position on different topics and provide with the necessary information, exchange info thematically on different topics, have guidelines, opinions and positions on different topics.  **Dr Davron** **Mukhamadiev** suggested on press releases and related topics saying that people interested on personal stories – where people talk about the ERNA activities then IFRC also can put this stories. ERNA can see what other NSs are strong in for example the Finnish RC has professional TV crew and approach them in order to do the video report. Videoreleases are used in global social media like BBC.  **Dr Barra** said thatstorytelling increases. When we publish video, the number of views increase – in order to be more attractive we need to do such things. |